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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Edward C. Aldridge, Jr.
Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Witnesses at Community Congressional Hearings

1. The DDCI has recently expressed concerns about the number of people accompanying witnesses to Community hearings with the various Congressional Oversight Committees. Accordingly, at all future Intelligence Community hearings involving more than one agency, each Agency will be limited to two representatives--one principal witness and one backup. The backup may either be a substantive witness or a Congressional Affairs aide, but not both.

2. Obviously, each hearing to some degree presents its own unique demands, and I will be willing to discuss any unique hardships you believe this policy may impose on a case-by-case basis. I think you will agree that we all share the DDCI's motivation to restrict access during these often far-ranging sessions to the minimum number of people needed to do the job. Our Office of Legislative Liaison will continue to coordinate the witness list for Community hearings involving more than one agency, and will work closely with your Office of Legislative Affairs to assure a smooth hearing.

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